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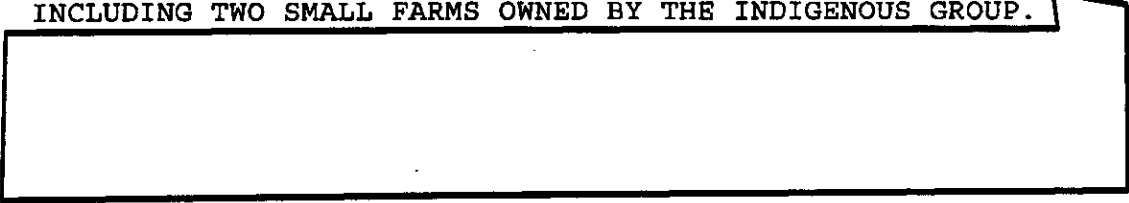
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1. (C) SUMMARY: NATIONAL MEDIA REPORTED AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS CONFIRMED THAT THE U'WA INDIANS WITHDREW FROM TALKS WITH THE GOC CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAMORE BLOCK, A CONCESSION OF U.S.-BASED OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM (OXY), ON SEPTEMBER 14. THIS OCCURRED AFTER THE GOC'S AGRARIAN REFORM AGENCY GAVE THE STATE OIL COMPANY AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LANDS WITHIN A 1,489 HECTARE ZONE SURROUNDING OXY'S EXPLORATORY DRILL SITE, INCLUDING TWO SMALL FARMS OWNED BY THE INDIGENOUS GROUP.



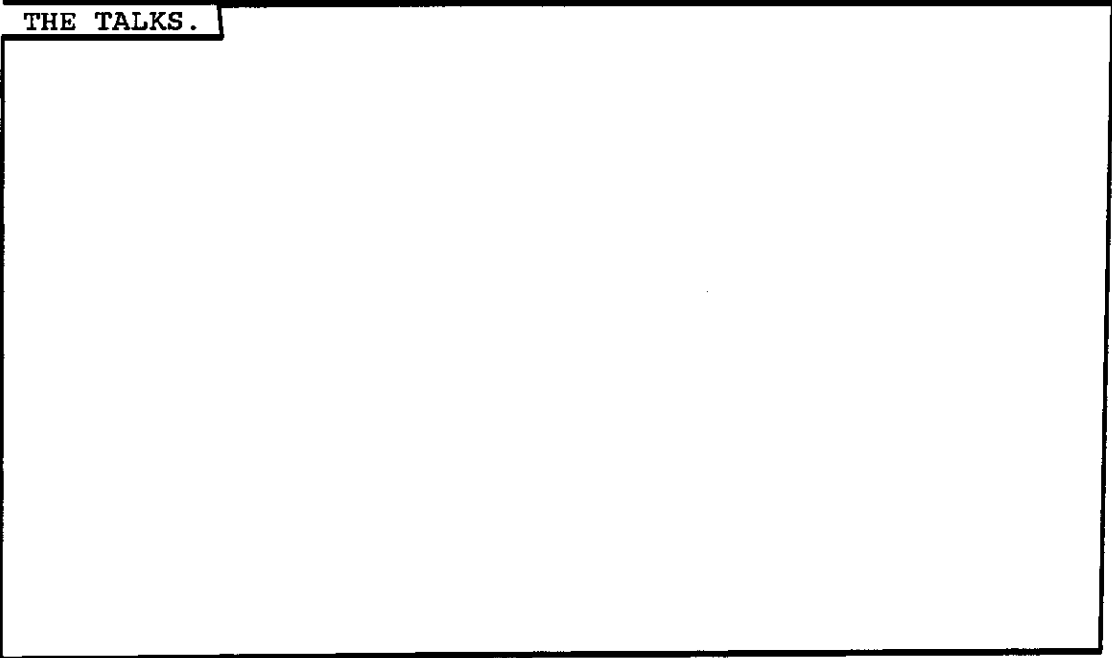
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2. (C) THE U'WA INDIANS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM TALKS WITH THE GOC CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAMORE BLOCK, A CONCESSION OF U.S.-BASED OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM (REFTEL). THE U'WA  
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UNILATERALLY SUSPENDED THE DIALOGUE AFTER A SEPTEMBER 14 RULING BY THE GOC AGRARIAN REFORM AGENCY ("INCORA") IN FAVOR OF AN ENERGY MINISTRY REQUEST TO CREATE A 1,489 HECTARE BUFFER ZONE AROUND OXY'S EXPLORATORY DRILL SITE, GIBALTAR-1. THE RULING IN EFFECT GIVES ECOPETROL AUTHORITY TO EXPROPRIATE WITH COMPENSATION PROPERTIES WITHIN THE ZONE.



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